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: Art Unit: 2833
Serial No.: 10/603,227 :
: Examiner: Hammond, Brigitte R.
Filed: June 25, 2003 :
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Express Mailing (3 pgs., in duplicate)
- Amendment in Response to Office Action dated September 20, 2004 (10 pgs)
- Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant

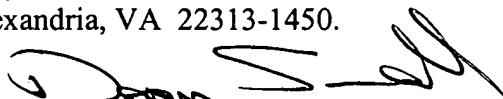
claims small entity status.
 is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop: Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: December 20, 2004


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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
third month	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: _____ \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

OR

(b) _____ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	29	MINUS	20	=9	x \$25 = \$		x \$50 = \$450.00
INDEP.	6	MINUS	3	=3	x \$100 = \$		x \$200 = \$600.00
<u> </u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$180 = \$			+ \$360 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	\$1,050.00

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) X Total additional fee for claims required \$ 1,050.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

X Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:



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